

BIBLICAL PRAYER

(Part II)

I. Prayer Defined

Proseuchē - Pros - toward (denotes motion toward)
Euchē - prayer, vow

God speaks to us in and through the contents of the Bible, which the Holy Spirit enables us to understand and apply to our lives. Out of this transformed understanding, we then speak to God about Himself, ourselves, and people in this world.

The purpose of prayer is to line our will up with the will of God, not to line up God's will with ours.

II. Prayer Informed by God

a. Elijah's Prayer

James 5:16-18

1 Kings 17:1

Deuteronomy 11:16-17

Deuteronomy 28:23-24

1 Kings 18:1, 17-18, 30-46

III. Paul's Prayers:

a. For the Saints

Ephesians 1:15-22

Ephesians 3:14-19

Philippians 1:3-11

Philemon 4-6

2 Corinthians 13:7-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Romans 15:5-6

b. For the Unregenerate

Romans 10:1

c. For Himself

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Romans 1:8-12

Ephesians 6:18-20

Romans 15:30-33

Colossians 4:2-4

Closing Thought: “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.